

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the present application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remains under examination in the application are presented below. The claims are presented in ascending order and each includes one status identifier. Those claims not cancelled or withdrawn but amended by the current amendment utilize the following notations for amendment: 1. deleted matter is shown by strikethrough for six or more characters and double brackets for five or less characters; and 2. added matter is shown by underlining.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a remote video processing chain producing a video stream to be transmitted to a terminal, the method comprising steps during which the terminal transmits [[a]] video steam processing commands to the remote video processing chain to modify the video stream to be transmitted, and the remote video processing chain executes [[the]] said video stream processing commands on the video stream before transmitting the video stream to the terminal, wherein [[the]] said video stream processing commands transmitted by the terminal and executable by the remote video processing chain comprise:

image processing commands to be applied to an image region, said image  
[[the]] processing commands including a definition of the image region of [[the]]  
an image contained in the transmitted video stream, the image region being  
associated with a particular processing command to be applied to the image region, and

an execution command, wherein the execution command is carried out by the remote video processing chain and applies the image processing commands to the image region, the execution command further comprising a selection step to select the image region defined in the image processing commands, and an application step to apply the processing defined in the image processing commands to the image region selected in the video stream.

2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising a step of activating an optional module in the remote video processing chain to execute at least in part a video steam processing command transmitted by the terminal.
3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the video stream processing commands executable by the remote video processing chain, comprise a zoom command associated with the image region to magnify the image region selected in the video stream.
4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein the video stream processing commands, executable by the remote video processing chain, comprise a move command to move the image region transmitted in the video stream subsequent to execution of a zoom method.
5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the video stream processing commands executable by the remote video processing chain comprise a resolution increase command associated with the image region to increase the resolution of the image region to the detriment of the remainder of the image transmitted by the video stream.
6. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the remote video processing chain restores a default image configuration in the video stream after a preset time interval from the time of execution of a video stream processing command.

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the video stream processing commands executable by the remote video processing chain comprise a command to restore a default configuration of an image transmitted by the video stream.

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the transmission of the video stream processing commands is conducted in accordance with protocol H.323 or SIP in messages which are ignored by the terminal if the messages are not compliant therewith.

9. (Currently Amended) A system for controlling a first remote video processing chain producing a video stream which is transmitted to a first terminal via a telecommunications network, the system comprising:

first transmission means installed in the first terminal for transmitting to the first remote video processing chain, video stream processing commands to be applied to the video stream to be transmitted,

receiving means installed in the first remote video processing chain for receiving video stream processing commands on the video stream to be transmitted by the first remote video processing chain, and

executing means installed in the first remote video processing chain, for executing video stream processing commands on the video stream to be transmitted by the first remote video processing chain,

wherein the video stream processing commands executable by the first remote video processing chain comprise image processing commands to be applied to an image region, the image processing commands including a definition of the image region of ~~[[the]]~~ an image contained in the transmitted video stream, the image region associated with a definition of a particular processing command to be applied to the image region, and the ~~execution~~ executing means installed in the first remote video processing chain comprise selection means to select the image region ~~in the video stream~~ defined in ~~[[a]]~~ the image processing commands that is to be applied to the image region, and application means to apply the processing ~~operation~~ defined in the image processing commands to the image region selected in the video stream.

10. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 9 further comprising optional modules inserted in the first remote video processing chain to execute at least in part the image processing commands defining the processing to be applied to ~~[[an]]~~ the image region in the transmitted video stream.

11. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim ~~[[9]]~~ 10, wherein the optional modules comprise a reframing module.

12. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 9, wherein the first remote video processing chain is installed in a second terminal comprising second transmission means for

transmitting to a second remote video processing chain installed in the first terminal video stream processing commands transmitted by the second remote video processing chain, the second video processing chain comprising receiving means for receiving video stream processing commands and executing means for executing video stream processing commands.